

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey: PG#72-22 Building Date: 1950s

Building Name: Prince George's Country Club Building

Location: 2411 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover, Maryland

Public/Ballroom/Occupied/Excellent/Accessible

Description:

The Prince George's Ballroom is a large brick Club House, built of brick and facing roughly north(east). The main block is one and one-half stories high, and is seven bays long with hipped roof. There are five gable dormers in each of the north and south planes of the roof. A tall brick chimney rises from the hipped plane at each end, and at each end is a lower wing. The east wing is two bays wide and one story high with a nearly flat roof; there is an entrance in the second bay. The west wing is also one story high with hip roof, and only one bay wide. There is a multi-section projecting lobby centered in the north facade of the main block taking up the central three bays. This central projecting structure, also of brick, is one story high with flat roof. Entrance is through a large double door in the central bay, sheltered by a flat-roof porte-cochere with plain posts. There are several low shed-roof frame additions on the west end of the building.

Significance:

The Prince George's Ballroom was built in the early 1950s to serve as a golf course Club House for the Prince George's Country Club. The Country Club idea was developed in the early 1920s at the time of the development of the Cheverly community. Approximately 200 acres of farmland was purchased in 1921, and an existing dairy barn was converted into use as a Club House. This earlier Club House was significantly larger than the present building: a full two stories high, with gable roof pierced by eight dormers and a silo, preserved from the barn's original use. The golf course was developed in conjunction with the development of the town of Cheverly, a selling point for potential buyers of homes in that community. It opened with nine holes in 1923 and was enlarged by the late 1920s to 18 holes. The 1923 converted barn Club House was destroyed by fire, and replaced in the early 1950s by the present building. In 1979 the Prince George's Country Club, Inc., conveyed the Club House and 110 acres of land to The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for use as a ballroom/meeting place/rental facility.

Acreage: 110.49 acres

Prince George's Ballroom

PG#72-22

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods:

Modern Period - AD 1930-Present

Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning
Social/Education/Cultural

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Functions and Uses: Meeting Hall, Clubhouse

Design Source: unknown

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

STATE INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. PG#72-22

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Prince George's Country Club building

and/or common Prince George's Ballroom

2. Location

street & number 2411 Pinebrook Avenue not for publication

city, town Landover vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>district</u>	<u>X</u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>agriculture</u>	<u>museum</u>
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>private</u>	<u>unoccupied</u>	<u>commercial</u>	<u>park</u>
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u>	<u>private residence</u>
<u>site</u>	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u>X</u> entertainment	<u>religious</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u>government</u>	<u>scientific</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<u>yes: unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u>	<u>transportation</u>
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>no</u>	<u>military</u>	<u>other:</u>

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

street & number 6600 Kenilworth Ave. telephone no.:

city, town Riverdale state and zip code MD 20737

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. County Courthouse liber 5050

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 288

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Prince George's Ballroom is a large brick Club House building which serves now as a rental facility for social functions. It was built in the early 1950s to replace an earlier club house which had been destroyed by fire.

The building is built of brick and faces roughly north(east). The main block is one and one-half stories high, and is seven bays long with hipped roof. There are five gable dormers in each of the north and south planes of the roof. A tall brick chimney rises from the hipped plane at each end, and also at each end is a lower wing. These flanking wings are not symmetrical. That at the east end is two bays wide and one story high with a nearly flat roof; there is an entrance in the second bay. The end wing on the west is also one story high with hip roof, and only one bay wide.

There is a multi-section projecting lobby centered in the north facade of the main block; it takes up the central three bays. This central projecting structure, also of brick, is one story high with flat roof. Entrance is through a large double door in the central bay of this three-bay projection; it is sheltered by a flat-roof porte-cochere which is supported by plain posts and which spans the circular driveway which constitutes the approach to the building. Windows are 8/8 and 6/6 with narrow board surrounds painted white; there are no shutters. There is a secondary north entrance in the sixth bay of the north facade.

There are several low shed-roof frame additions on the west end of the building. To the rear (south) at a lower level is a low rear wing, with flat roof, which projects to the south. Two banks of four 8/8 windows flank a central projecting bay which consists of six large 20-pane windows.

The building overlooks rolling grounds to the south and west, formerly a golf course. It is approached by a boulevard which leads southwest from Maryland Route 202. There is a parking lot northwest of the building.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
1950s	
check: Applicable Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Prince George's Ballroom was built in the early 1950s to serve as a golf course Club House for the Prince George's Country Club. It was built to replace an earlier club house which had been destroyed by fire.

The Country Club idea was developed in the early 1920s at the time of the development of the Cheverly community. Approximately 200 acres of farmland was purchased in 1921 out of the Thompson family farm. A dairy barn which stood on this land was converted into use as a Club House.¹ This earlier Club House was significantly larger than the present building; it was a full two stories high, with gable roof pierced by eight dormers. At the west end was a silo, preserved from the barn's original use.

The golf course was developed in conjunction with the development of the town of Cheverly. It was considered a selling point for potential buyers of homes in that community. The golf course opened with nine holes in 1923 and was enlarged by the late 1920s to 18 holes.

The 1923 converted barn Club House was destroyed by fire. It was replaced in the early 1950s by the present building. In 1979 the Prince George's Country Club, Inc., conveyed the Club

¹ Hopkins, G. M., Map of the Vicinity of Washington D. C., 1894; interview with Ray Bellamy, Jr., Cheverly Town Historian.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 110.49 acresQuadrangle name Washington EastQuadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax map 59, parcel 47

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
Statement of Significance (continued)

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House and 110 acres of land to The Maryland-National Capital
Park and Planning Commission for use as a ballroom/meeting
place/rental facility, and built a new Country Club facility
and golf course in the Woodmore community.²

² Prince George's County Deeds #5050:288.

38°57'30" 410,000 FT

Joins Map 12

400,000 FT

38°55'00"

MD GRID 390,000 FT

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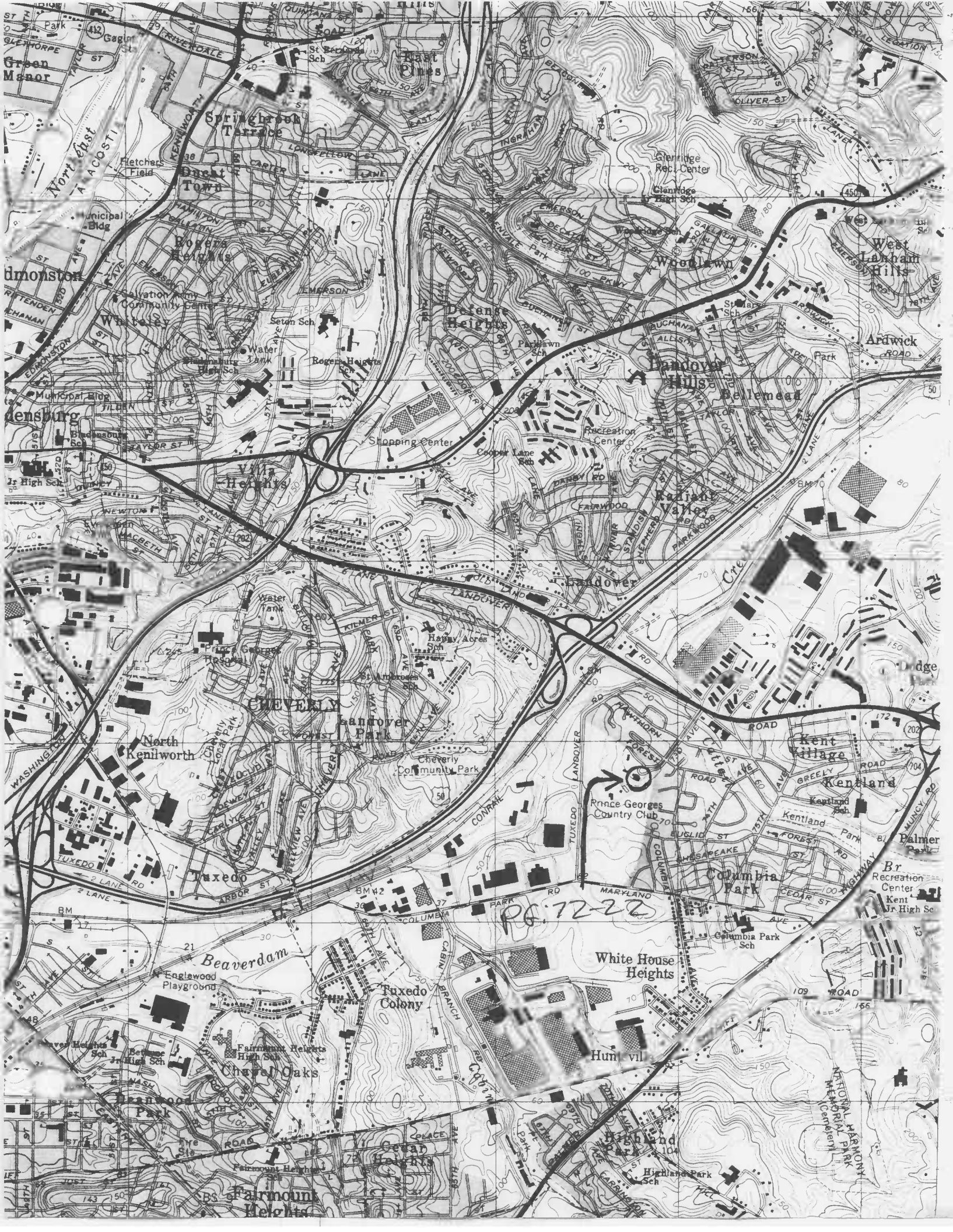
LANDOVER HILLS

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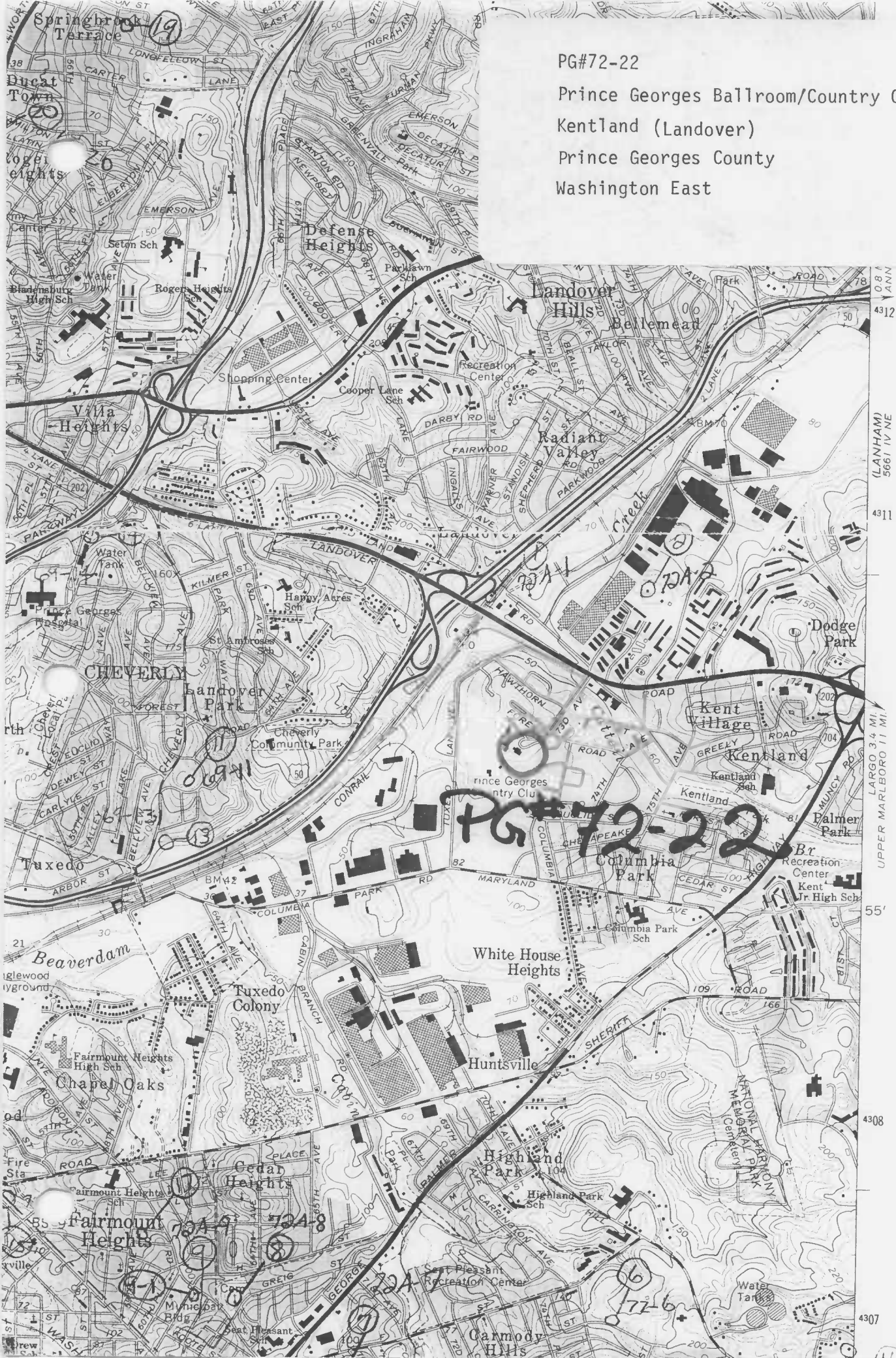
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Prince Georges Ballroom/Country Club

Kentland (Landover)

Prince Georges County

Washington East





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Prince George's Country Club
Prince George's Co. MD

Susan L. Porel

February 1993

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North facade for NW

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Prince George's Country Club

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Arch elevation from SW

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